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REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the finding of allowability in claims 5-7, 10-13, 15-20, and 22-25 and respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-26 were previously pending.

Please amend claims 1, 8, 14, and 21 as shown below.

Please cancel claims 4-5, 9-10, 19, 23, and 26 without prejudice.

No new claims are added.

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-18, 20-22, and 24-25 are pending.

To advance prosecution of this patent application to allowance, Applicant requests that claims 4-5, 9-10, 19, 23, and 26 be canceled without prejudice. These cancellations are intended to leave only allowable claims remaining in the application.

Claim 1

Claim 5 was held to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is the base claim of claim 5, and claim 4 was an intervening claim. The limitations of claims 4 and 5 were moved into claim 1, thus rendering claim 1 the allowable claim that results when claim 5 is rewritten as suggested by the Patent Office.

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Claims 2-3, 6-7

Claims 2-3, 6-7 depend from claim 1. Dependent claims contain the language of the claims from which they depend. Because claim 1 has been rewritten in allowable form, Applicant submits that claims 2-3, 6-7 are now allowable too.

Claim 8

Claim 10 was held to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 8 is the base claim of claim 10. The limitations of claim 10 were moved into claim 8, thus rendering claim 8 the allowable claim that results when claim 10 is rewritten as suggested by the Patent Office.

Claims 11-13

Claims 11-13 depend from claim 8. Dependent claims contain the language of the claims from which they depend. Because claim 8 has been rewritten in allowable form, Applicant submits that claims 11-13 are now allowable too.

Claim 14

Claim 19 was held to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 14 is the base claim of claim 19. The limitations of claim 19 were moved

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into claim 14, thus rendering claim 14 the allowable claim that results when claim 19 is rewritten as suggested by the Patent Office.

Claims 15-18, and 20

Claims 15-18, and 20 depend from claim 14. Dependent claims contain the language of the claims from which they depend. Because claim 14 has been rewritten in allowable form, Applicant submits that claims 15-18, and 20 are now allowable too.

Claim 21

Claim 23 was held to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 21 is the base claim of claim 23. The limitations of claim 23 were moved into claim 21, thus rendering claim 21 the allowable claim that results when claim 23 is rewritten as suggested by the Patent Office.

Claims 22 and 24-25

Claims 22 and 24-25 depend from claim 21. Dependent claims contain the language of the claims from which they depend. Because claim 21 has been rewritten in allowable form, Applicant submits that claims 22 and 24-25 are now allowable too.

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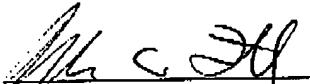
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully suggests that claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-18, 20-22, and 24-25 are in condition for allowance and requests issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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